What you need to know and do about THE CARES ACT

The federal CARES Act was signed into law March 27, 2020. The Act provides enhanced Unemployment Insurance (UI) benefits and Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for Washingtonians.

Sign up for the ESD COVID-19 action alerts to stay up to date: esd.wa.gov



The Employment Security Department is an equal opportunity employer/program. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities. Language assistance services for limited English proficient individuals are available free of charge. Washington Relay Service: 711

RELIEF FOR WORKERS AFFECTED BY THE CORONAVIRUS

Already approved for UI benefits?

Eligible for regular UI benefits Not traditionally eligible under UI benefits

Began claiming
UI on or after
July 1, 2018
and have
exhausted
benefits

KEEP FILING
WEEKLY CLAIMS.
Request
additional 13
weeks through
eServices after
your 26 weeks
has expired.

APPLY FOR UI BENEFITS ONLINE AT:

esd.wa.gov

NOT ELIGIBLE

Apply for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)

Payments are retroactive from the time you became eligible.

REQUEST
ADDITIONAL
13 WEEKS
through your
eServices
account.

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Receive either UI or PUA benefits for 39 weeks

Plus an additional \$600 per week available until 07-25-20

Receive an additional 13 weeks of benefits

(And an additional \$600 per week available until 07-25-20)